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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 22, 2002, please consider the following amendments and remarks to this application.

In the Claims

Please add new claims 151 and 152 as follows:

151. (New) A method of screening a sample of body fluid for at least one autoantibody to at least one antigen, which method comprises:

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- (a) providing a substrate having an application zone including a source of said at least one antigen to said autoantibody, said substrate having immobilized thereto at least one antibody to said antigen, said application zone being upstream of said immobilized antibody, wherein said antigen has a binding site to which either said autoantibody or said immobilized antibody can bind;